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Applicant:	Fanous	Att'y Docket:	2682/102
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows in order to put the application in condition for allowance:

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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